

Around the State

WANTED Bay State sex offender arrested

Manchester police Thursday morning arrested a Massachusetts sex offender who was sought on a warrant from Barnstable for violation of probation that was issued in March.

Frederick Ejdownski, 77, was on probation for distribution of obscene material.

Officers from the Manchester Police Sexual Offender Compliance unit determined Ejdownski had established residence here at 86 Mammoth Road, but failed to register with city police as required by law.

He has been charged with felony duty to report and is being held as a fugitive from justice.

MANCHESTER Footrace for the Fallen benefit Sunday

Last minute runners, or walkers, who want to participate in the 5th annual Footrace for the Fallen Sunday to benefit the programs of the Manchester Police Athletic League, can register at Veterans Park Sunday morning, for the 5K event that starts at 11 a.m.

Online registration is now closed, but runners and walkers can register between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. at the park, at Chestnut and Merrimack streets. The last-minute registration fee for the 5K race, one of the 2011 New Hampshire Grand Prix Race series, is \$30.

The race honors the memory and sacrifice of all Manchester Police Officers killed in the line of duty and the funds raised benefit MPAL, a center city organization dedicated to mentoring at-risk youth.

DOVER Marching bands play Saturday

Ten high school marching bands from across the state will participate in the 42nd annual Dover Marching Band Show on Saturday.

The non-competitive event was started by DHS band director Robert Quinn in 1969 and is the longest running band show in New England.

The show starts under the lights at 6 p.m. at Dunaway Field at Dover High School. Proceeds from the show support the Dover High School music programs.

These Girl Scouts bring out the bats

◆ **Community service:** After a Candia child was diagnosed with Eastern equine encephalitis, six Junior Girl Scouts decided to act.

By CORY FRANCER
Union Leader Correspondent

CANDIA — If Candia resident have noticed fewer mosquitoes around the Candia Youth Athletic Complex, they can thank five members of Girl Scout Troop 22562 of the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains.

The five scouts were presented with a Bronze Award last night at the Henry W. Moore School. The award is highest given at the junior Girl Scout level. They were honored for building and installing bat boxes around the outdoor athletic fields in Candia. The awards were part of a bridging ceremony, which celebrates Girl Scouts moving into to higher age group.

Sixth-graders Alexandria Baker, Kelly Adkins, Callie Pouliot, Morgan Tanguay and Tiana Chiesa, all of Candia, were inspired to do this project after a child in Candia was diagnosed with the

Eastern equine encephalitis virus, which is passed through mosquitoes. After doing some research, the troop members learned that bat boxes are not only helpful to bats, but reduce mosquito numbers, it was decided the boxes were the way to go.

"They tossed around tons of ideas but this was what the group decided to pursue," said Troop Leader Tami Baker.

Another troop member has submitted a project for a Bronze Award, which is still pending approval, and was also honored at last night's ceremony.

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From left, Kelly Adkins, Tiana Chiesa, Callie Pouliot, Alexandria Baker and Morgan Tanguay show off one the bat boxes they made for their Bronze Award project. The five Girl Scouts placed the boxes around the Candia Youth Athletic Field.

COMMUNITY-BUILDERS



Presenter Carolyn Benthien, from left, gathers with award-winners Brad Cook, Business and Industry; Robert Provencher, Medicine and Healing; Christopher Courage, Media and the Arts; Kathy Staub, Education; and Robert Saitow, Rising Star, at the Pastoral Counseling Services Good Samaritan Awards Banquet at the Radisson in Manchester Thursday. Missing from the picture is Rabbi Beth Davidson, who received the Religion Award.

Six named Good Samaritans at 16th annual banquet

◆ **Fundraiser:** The annual event raises funds so Pastoral Counseling Services can continue its work.

By TIM BUCKLAND
New Hampshire Union Leader

MANCHESTER — They're a lawyer, a dentist and a religious leader. They're a theater director, a young man honoring his father and a woman who describes herself as a pain in the city school board's neck.

But to Pastoral Counseling Services, Brad Cook, Dr. Robert F. Provencher Jr., Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, Chris Courage, Robert J. Saitow and Kathy Staub are the deserving

honorees at the 16th annual Good Samaritan Awards Banquet held Thursday night in the Armory Room of the Radisson Hotel at the Center of New Hampshire.

"It's an absolutely wonderful thing. I was truly surprised," said Provencher, who was honored in the medicine and healing category. "I'm thrilled to death. I'm very honored and made more humble by it all."

The agency's director of development, Joyce Herndon, said the annual event is a way to draw more interest to the organization and raise funds. The agency, which provides services such as counseling, psychotherapy, meditation, addiction counseling and ther-

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Dunkin' Donuts puts its approach on hold

◆ **Zoning board:** Members are supposed to be neutral and not allow biases or prejudices into their consideration.

By MARK HAYWARD
New Hampshire Union Leader

MANCHESTER — A lawyer for the Candia Road Dunkin' Donuts opted Thursday to wait another month for city regulators to decide on its hours of operation and new sign, rather than ask a depleted Zoning Board of Adjustment for a decision.

Two members of the zoning board recused themselves from last night's hearing, including Chairman Brian Desfosses.

Desfosses is running for al-

derman in Ward 6, the ward where the Dunkin' Donuts is located.

Desfosses said he had heard rumors that people thought he had a personal interest in the project. Like a judge, zoning board members are supposed to be neutral and not allow biases or prejudices into their consideration.

However, Desfosses' decisions in previous cases have been become part of the campaign.

"Considering the ridiculous claims that have been made in the recent past, I didn't want to add any fodder to the claims of these people," he said.

The Dunkin' Donuts developer wants to extend the hours of the latest Manchester doughnut shop, and it wants to

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Robber makes off with cash from Webster Street market

MANCHESTER — Police are investigating a reported robbery at the Cumberland Farms, 108 Webster St., early Thursday.

The 23-year-old clerk told police who responded at about 2:45 a.m. that a masked man walked up to the counter and demanded all the money.

The clerk said the robber did not display a weapon, but his demeanor and mask made it clear he was serious. She said comments the robber made indicated he was familiar with security measures in place at the store.

The robber fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, last seen running west toward Union Street, police said.

The robber is described as white, in his 20s, 5-foot-5 or 5-foot-6, about 155 pounds, with light colored hair and blue eyes.

He was wearing a black, waist-length pea coat over a light-colored shirt, blue jeans and light colored shoes. A black scarf was pulled up to cover the lower part of his face and he wore a white ball cap.

Anyone with information about this robbery is encouraged to contact the Manchester Police Department at 668-8711.

Anonymous tips for cash rewards can be made through Manchester Crimeline at 624-4040 or on line at manchester-crimeline.org.

Coming up in NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NEWSPAPERS

sports
Football bonanza



Marc Thaler breaks down the NHIAA Division I playoff race, Dave D'Onofrio previews the Patriots' Sunday game at Dallas, and we bring you the details of Saturday's big conference game between UNH and William & Mary.

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travel
Not for all ages

Legoland is opening a park in Florida designed specifically for children ages 2 to 12. It won't have heart-in-your-throat roller coasters or rides with complicated story lines and expensive cutting-edge visuals. What it will have is statuary and cityscapes built of Lego parts and rides that look like they were.

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A Lego Belle sculpture, in the tradition of the Cypress Garden Southern Belles, is featured during a media preview of the Legoland park, opening this month in Winter Haven, Fla.

new hampshire
Race against violence

Hundreds of runners are expected to participate in the Missy's Hope 5K race on Saturday, held to raise money for the YWCA Domestic Violence Emergency Fund and The Missy's Hope Fund. Missy's Hope helps children who have witnessed domestic violence. Look for our report.

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Eyes on the future
City officials are working to develop and implement a plan to improve the quality of life for residents. We'll outline their goals.

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